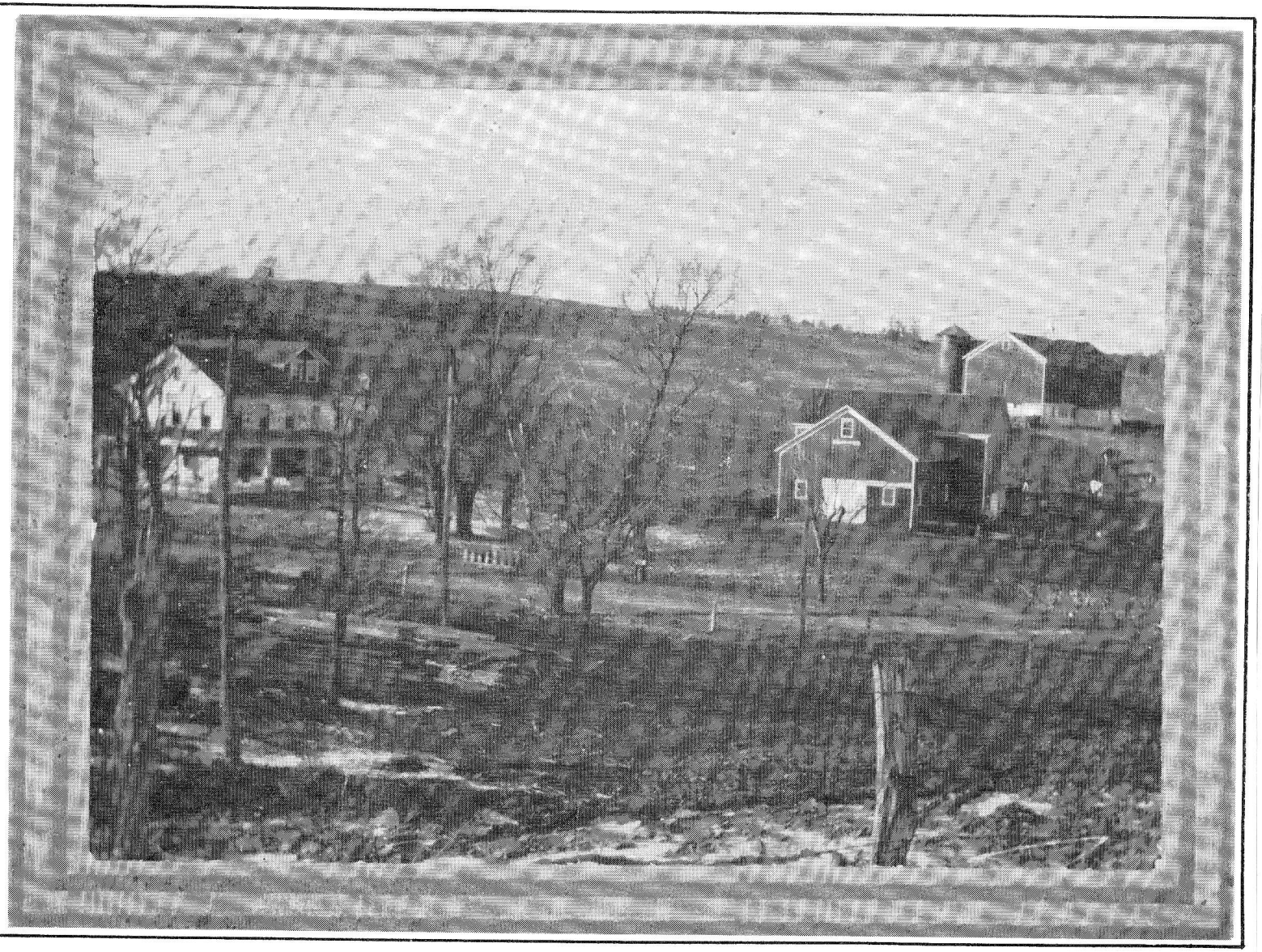
The May page of the Carbondale Historical Society's 1987 Birthday and Historical Calendar:

"Russell Homestead, Carbondale, PA," photograph by Artcraft Studio, Carbondale, PA, in the collection of the Russell Homestead. The Russell Homestead was established by James Russell (1815-1872), a native of Scotland who emigrated to America in the Summer of 1840. James Russell was a farmer, dairyman and coal dealer. In addition, he served as Justice of the Peace of Fell Township from 1851 to his death in 1872. On January 1, 1851, he married Margaret Gillespie Locke (1833-1904), also a native of Scotland.

James and Margaret Russell were the parents of ten children: John Murray Russell (10-24-1851--04-11-1885, m. Isabel E. Wedeman), James Anderson Russell (04-29-1853--07-13-1929, m. Viola Kenyon Rivenburg), Margaret Gillespie Russell (04-13-1855--03-02-1930, m. Samuel Sheldon Jones), Christina Anderson Russell (05-17-1857--02-07-1864), Jeanette Locke Russell (12-29-1859--02-06-1864), George McClelland Russell (02-21-1862--04-30-1926, m. Lydia Spencer), Christina Anderson Russell (08-12-1864--04-18-1881), Jeanette Locke Russell (10-29-1866--04-22-1963), Jane Martha Russell (12-03-1868--01-30-1954), and William Anderson Russell (09-03-1871--02-05-1958, m. Ora Esmarilda Loomis).

The Russell Homestead was one of the principal suppliers of milk to the Russell Dairy and the Russell Ice Cream Company, Carbondale. The Russell Homestead, presently the site of the Homestead Golf Course, has been in continuous family ownership since its establishment in 1841, and on March 7, 1986, was designated a Pennsylvania Century Farm.



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